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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE IN AUGUST 7 BALTSUN BY
HENRY TREWHITT ENTITLED "KISSINGER WILL MISS GOP PLATFORM
HEARINGS"

"THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT OTHER
CABINET MEMBERS WILL HELP SHAPE THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM NEXT
WEEK WHILE HENRY A. KISSINGER TOURS KABUL, ISLAMABAD,
DEAUVILLE AND THE HAGUE.

"INSTEAD OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN
SAID, VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WILL DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY
BEFORE THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE IN KANSAS CITY.
IT WILL DRAFT A FALL CAMPAIGN CHARTER TO GO BEFORE THE FULL
PARTY CONVENTION THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

"MR. KISSINGER IS NOT THE ONLY CABINET MEMBER MISSING FROM
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THE LIST OF THOSE SCHEDULED FOR CONVENTION ACTIVITY ON BE-

HALF OF MR. FORD. OTHERS OMITTED INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, EDWARD LEVI, WHO IS NOT ESPECIALLY POLITICAL, AND THE DEFENSE SECRETARY, DONALD RUMSFELD, WHO -- AS A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS -- IS.

"BUT THE OMISSION OF MR. KISSINGER WAS ESPECIALLY NOTICE-ABLE BECAUSE OF HIS TRAVELS AND BECAUSE HE HAS BECOME A SPECIAL TARGET OF MR. FORD'S CRITICS. INDEED, RONALD REAGAN, MR. FORD'S RIVAL FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, HAS MADE HIM A FAVORITE CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

"FOUR YEARS AGO MR. KISSINGER, THEN NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, DID MAKE A PLATFORM COMMITTEE APPEARANCE. AT LEAST SOME OF HIS PREDECESSORS AS SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE TESTIFIED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

"BUT THIS TIME, A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL REMARKED, 'THE ADMINISTRATION FOR SURE DOESN'T WANT HIM IN KANSAS CITY FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.' THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT HEARINGS MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AND MR. KISSINGER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

"THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMATIC TRAVELS THIS TIME HAVE NO SPECIAL FOREIGN POLICY URGENCY, ONCE HE FINISHES CONFERENCES IN TEHRAN, IRAN, THIS WEEKEND. IN FACT, HIS STOP IN DEAUVILLE, FRANCE, IS DESCRIBED AS A DAY OFF.

"ALL THIS ENCOURAGED SPECULATION THAT MR. FORD IS KEEPING MR. KISSINGER OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE FROM CONSERVATIVE CRITICS. THERE WAS NO SUCH READY EXPLANATION FOR MR. RUMSFELD'S ABSENCE EXCEPT THAT, AS ONE CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL PUT IT, 'ROCKEFELLER WILL COVER BOTH FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE'... "

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